



## Cora Bailey Award Recipients

Cora Bailey Award 2021 - 2022

RWTO/OERO Area 12 Peel North Branch



Betty Jean Carberry

This year's Cora Bailey Award honours a very talented and enthusiastic member of Peel North. That person is Betty Jean Carberry. In reviewing our archives, every photograph of Betty Jean shows a sparkling smiling individual. Betty Jean joined RWTO PEEL NORTH in 2002 after teaching in Georgetown, Brampton and spending 25 years as a supply teacher. We are sure she received a warm welcome when the staff and children saw it was Mrs. Carberry coming through the doors. With our members, Betty Jean eagerly shared stories about her family and their home on Airport Road. Heading north on Airport Road in the area of Countryside Road a farm sat in the middle of subdivisions and plazas. It was a pleasant sight from the hustle and bustle of all the new buildings.

For many years, Betty Jean worked diligently on what was called The Communications Fanning Out Committee and ultimately became the phone convenor captain from 2009 to 2016. If needed, she was always the member who would help out in various roles during our meetings. Several times she could be found behind the table as our members would come in and register for the meetings.

When interest groups were formed, Betty Jean was ready to add her name to the lists. She loves playing bid euchre, regular euchre, live theatre outings, visiting tea rooms and is a loyal attendee at our Zoom meetings.

Betty Jean's devotion to our Peel North Branch has been appreciated by all of us. She has been a faithful welcoming example of Caring and Sharing and a deserving recipient of this award.

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RWTO PEEL NORTH  
HELEN MARCHELL



Helen Marchell attended Normal School in London. She began teaching in a Grade 1 class in Hamilton. Helen and her husband were married and there was a move to Toronto. Her husband was transferred to Montreal and taught Grade 3 in the English speaking school system. It was here in Montreal that she became the proud mother of Sheila and Ian. She stopped teaching for 9 years and it was during this time that she attended Concordia University and then did a Masters' Degree at McGill. Her studies in education centered around language acquisition and specifically in teaching reading skills. The family returned to Ontario in January 1980 where Helen taught at various schools in the Peel area. A new diagnostic centre was opened and Helen was hired. It closed 6 years later. Helen retired from Beatty Fleming.

Helen joined the Mississauga Branch and it was there that she met Anne Brownjohn. Anne told her about Peel North. Helen's name first appears on the OASWT Peel North Membership in 1994. She was immediately approached by Elsie Brown, the president, to take on the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president and that she did. There were not as many convenors as we have today so there were a fair number of jobs the Vice Presidents were required to do. In 1996 Helen became the President of Peel North OASWT.

Over the years Helen has contributed to our Quad Meetings, our Penta Meetings and our Christmas Silent Auctions. Her beautiful quilting items are eagerly bid for with a frenzy. Helen has mastered the "art of technology" and continues to attend our Zoom meetings. Thank you for all you have done for RWTO North Peel. You have left your mark on our history and rightfully deserve to receive the Cora Bailey Award for 2020-2021.

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Sandra Novak

In the past four years alone, Sandra has demonstrated that she is a worthy recipient of the Cora Bailey Award. In these years, while on the Executive, she set up a Home Service Providers guide for members, introduced a multi media approach to our memorial service as well as convening a What's Hot interest group. During her year as President, Sandra demonstrated that although retired, she was not ready to stop working. She was the driving force behind updating the roles and responsibilities of executive members in the Policies and Procedures document, created a member wide survey, chaired the Penta 2018 committee and hosted a New Member Tea all the while wearing her bright smile.

In the past, Sandra represented Peel North at the RWTO Convention held in Windsor and was responsible for the creative gift hat boxes in 2015 when Peel North hosted Penta. Utilizing her creativity and flare for decorating, she has created centrepieces for many meetings and events.

Sandra is always willing and able to lend a hand and share her talents.

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**Laurie VanLankveld**

Laurie has been an active member of RWTO for several years and has served on the executive in the role of Lunch Convenor. Her attention to detail and conscientious attitude have facilitated the co-ordination of catering, member lunch reservations and payments. Laurie attended the Convention in Alliston and is an active participant in several branch interest groups including tearoom visits, Bid Euchre and Theatre. Laurie is always willing to lend a helping hand and has assisted with silent auctions, served on PENTA committees and modelled in fashion shows. Laurie has contributed to the Peel North branch of RWTO and is a worthy recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.



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Liz Reinhart

Liz joined RWTO Peel North in 2015 and the very next year became 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, she planned our Memorial Service, chaired the selection committee for the Cora Bailey Award and began the work of reviewing our financial accounts in detail. During her year as President, Liz was highly involved in planning our Christmas Event. She contributed ideas for speakers, often contacting and booking them herself. She represented us at the Brampton Senior Citizens Council, bringing pertinent information to our attention. She implemented the consolidation of our finances into one bank account with updated signing officers and a new protocol for review. Liz lead general and executive meetings, attended the Convention in Oshawa and always helped with any jobs that needed to be done. As Past President, Liz was a member of the Penta Committee, attending planning meetings, touring venues and selling raffle tickets.

Liz has participated in several branch interest groups such as theatre, tearoom visits and Bid Euchre all the while getting to know a wide circle of members. Liz has made outstanding contributions to the Peel North branch of RWTO and is a worthy recipient of the Cora Bailey Award.



Previous Recipients of the Cora Bailey Award



Top Row:Maureen Mellor, Brenda Bissell, Lorna Knapp

Bottom Row: Loison Helmer ( with Karen Walters)